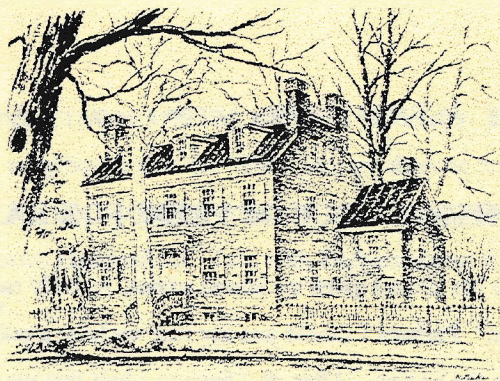


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THE BATTLE OF ELLIS ISLAND

THE INSIDE STORY AT OUR CANDLELIGHT DINNER ON MARCH 17

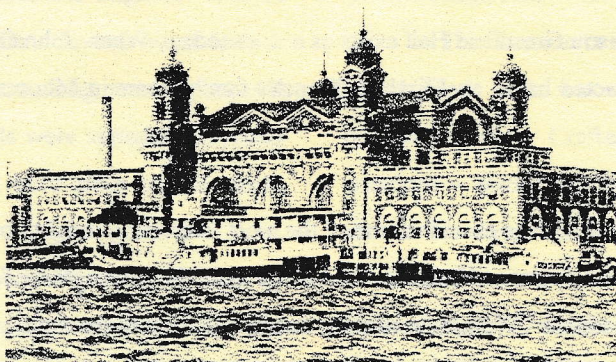
Our Candlelight Dinner speaker, Robert A. Marshall, Deputy Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, is one of three lawyers who represented our state versus the State of New York before the United States Supreme Court during the summer of 1996. The case involved the issue of sovereignty over Ellis Island, the "Gateway to the New World." The subject of Mr. Marshall's talk, **The Battle of Ellis Island**, and the interesting anecdotes accompanying it will hold everyone's interest after the lovely dinner we'll enjoy at Tavistock.

It was in 1994 that New Jersey petitioned for portions of Ellis Island to be declared under the state's jurisdiction. The Court agreed to hear the case, appointing a Special Master to resolve the claims. It is important to realize that the United States government acquired title to the island in 1808, so actual ownership has never been a factor. Legal jurisdiction is the central issue. The island underwent a major restoration in the 1980's and the benefits of the resulting

tourism and any future developments could be substantial for the state wielding regulatory powers. Even more significant would be the honor of sharing in a symbol so important to our country.

Mr. Marshall is a Haddonfield resident, presently

President of the Haddonfield Friends of the Library. He graduated from Cook College at Rutgers and attended law school at Seton Hall. After receiving his degree, he worked for a Philadelphia law firm before joining the State Attorney General's Office where he has focused on environmental



enforcement. He will always consider the Ellis Island case to be a highlight in his career. "To argue a case like this – in the first trial to be held in the Supreme Court building – goes way beyond your wildest dreams."

Make your reservations now for this exciting evening. You won't want to miss the fascinating story behind one of the present Supreme Court's biggest cases.

Join us for an informative evening of fun and fellowship on Wednesday evening, March 17, 1999 at Tavistock Country Club. The annual Candlelight Dinner is an opportunity for our members to renew old friendships and to meet members who have more recently joined our Society.

Informal greetings begin at 6:30 P.M. with dinner following at 7:30. Reservations are \$28.00 per person.

A form has been included in this *Bulletin* for your convenience. Please return your reservation before March 10.

ANOTHER SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR HADDONFIELD

One of my friends on the board, who has always given me sound advice, recently raised the question with me whether I should be referring to the Society as a "publishing house." Perhaps I should just say that we have a publishing committee. She is probably right, and I should not go overboard as a salesperson for the Society. After all, I have to admit that we are not Barnes & Noble.

But it is remarkable, nevertheless, that we are in fact a publisher in the fullest sense of the word. We make the decisions about what to publish and we take all the risks. We do not look to a senior corporate executive in some remote headquarters to divine what will sell. All the work is done here, and all the decisions are made here, working with our own authors. We select the printer, we determine the number of copies to print, and we are responsible for distribution and sales. Our publications committee, led by Doug Rauschenberger, dedicates itself to this labor of love.

The Historical Society is able to do this because of the support of you, our members. Your dues, your participation in our events, and your purchasing of our publications give us the ability to pursue this mission. Each of us in the Society, therefore, can take enormous pride in our newest book, *Elizabeth French Gill 1794-1854: First Mistress of Greenfield Hall*, by Harriet Gotchel Monshaw. Harriet is a member of the Society who has given herself tirelessly to the task of creating this valuable work.

Elizabeth French Gill is the reason Greenfield Hall exists as it does today. When John Gill IV married Elizabeth French in the 1840's, he had Greenfield Hall constructed based on Elizabeth French's family home in Moorestown. His was an estate designed to be worthy of his new bride.

I have personally found that biographies provide some of the most interesting insights on history, and Harriet Monshaw's work is an example of why this is true. We see key parts of Haddonfield's history from the perspective of Elizabeth French Gill, who was described as this "very great lady" by Thomas Redman. We see fascinating details of life in those times, such as the controversy that was created when a member of the Friends Meeting married outside his faith. (John Gill IV was expelled because Elizabeth was not a Quaker.)

Like many others who love this town, I always enjoy the chance to examine photographs and other visual renditions of life in Haddonfield and of the people who lived here. This biography is well illustrated, with scenes and documents from Haddonfield's history. *Elizabeth French Gill 1794-1854: First Mistress of Greenfield Hall* will take its place right next to my well-worn copy of *Lost Haddonfield*. I strongly recommend this fine work to anyone who is interested in this town and wants an enjoyable way to learn more about its history.

If you do not already own a copy, it is available in the Museum Shop in Greenfield Hall. If you have not seen our shop, this is a perfect occasion to visit. Dinny Traver has gathered together in our shop a delightful collection of Haddonfield souvenirs and publications by the Historical Society. Do you have the complete collection of "Olde Haddonfield" postcards? Remember, as a member, you receive a 10% discount on all your purchases there. Also, because we are a member of the Haddonfield Business and Professional Association, your HBPA gift certificates are redeemable here.

We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, and some Saturdays. Barbara Hilgen, our Docent, will be there to help show you around. Why not bring a friend or neighbor to visit us? While you are there to buy a copy of Harriet's book, take the time to see what is going on in the Gill family's house. See the fascinating collection of antique tools in our basement. Visit the doll exhibit on the second floor. See what life was like in Victorian Haddonfield. Talk with Barbara about the exciting things the Society is doing, and how you can come join with us in enjoying history.

And if you do not get into town that often, why not make a day of it? Visit the Indian King and see the remarkable progress the curator, Bill Mason, has been making. Stop in at the Visitors' Center in the Haddonfield Mall and find out what is happening in our town. When Elizabeth French moved here in 1841, she made the right decision; 158 years later, Haddonfield is still the best place to live and a great town for those who want to experience history.

LIGHTING UP THE TOWN

If you missed Christmas Eve in Haddonfield, you missed many memorable sights. Earlier, the snows had blanketed the town. The night sky was clear, a perfect night for the Luminaria to brighten our neighborhoods.

At 5:00 the bags, with candles placed in kitty litter or sand, were brought outdoors where friends and neighbors enjoyed the camaraderie of lighting the Luminaria. Several hours later, a drive through town would have taken you along streets lined with the cheerful glow. Some neighborhoods were veritable fairylands of light where the Luminaria outlined both sides of the street, block after block.

However, we still have a long way to go to truly "light up the town." Some neighborhoods were dark, while others had just a few houses illuminated here and there. Perhaps now would be a good time to mark your calendar to buy our Luminaria early next December and to encourage friends and neighbors to get into the spirit of the holiday also.

It's interesting to note that quite a few of our sales were made to residents of surrounding communities. Some of them mentioned that they had seen Haddonfield in past years and wanted to make their neighborhoods as beautiful.

Our Museum Shop sells Luminaria all year long. You can buy now for the next season or think of other creative ways to use the candles throughout the year. Are you having guests some evening? Think of how festive your front walk will look lined with the Luminaria. Or use them in your back yard after an evening barbecue during the summer. They'll add a warm glow to many of your activities.

THE HOLLY FESTIVAL

LOTS OF FUN ON A PERFECT DAY

by Nancy Burrough

December 12 was a crisp December day with the sun shining brightly on Greenfield Hall. Outside, the holly and other fresh greens were on display for the early shoppers. Inside, fresh green arrangements were being shown throughout the house.

The Luminaria were in line waiting for pick-up and the baked-goods table was overflowing with the delicacies made by our special elves. Crafters were busy showing all their wonderful creations – something for every stocking. Harriet Monshaw, our star of the day, was proudly autographing her new book about Elizabeth French Gill for appreciative buyers. Warm greetings of cheer and holiday wishes could be heard throughout the house.

My most warm and sincere thank you to the over thirty people behind the scenes who worked so hard to produce our most successful Holly Festival Ever and a Most Perfect Day!



Harriet, on the right, autographing copies of her new book at the Holly Festival. Mary Jane Freedley is assisting.

OUR LATEST AUTHOR

One of the several purposes of the Historical Society is "the publication, from time to time, of such historical information as may be deemed expedient." We have been fortunate over the years to have had members willing to devote an enormous amount of time and effort to the research which goes into the writing of any book, booklet or pamphlet. *Lost Haddonfield, This Is Haddonfield, The Haddonfield Home of Edward Drinker Cope, Boyhood Memories of Boxwood Hall* and others are all testaments of our Society's dedication to excellence.

The newest Historical Society publication, *Elizabeth French Gill, 1794-1854, First Mistress of Greenfield Hall*, now proudly takes its place among the previous ones. The author, Harriet Gotchel Monshaw, a Life member, has served on the Society's Executive Board and as a Docent. Harriet is a native and long-time resident of Camden County. She graduated from Temple University and has had extensive experience as an auditor for the State of New Jersey. She believes that her background in auditing gave her the basis for historical research since the approach in both fields is similar. Both require investigating and documentation of events, researching any discrepancies and then reporting the findings as succinctly as possible.

It was prior to the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the building of Greenfield Hall (1841-1991) that Harriet became interested in the mansion's "first mistress." She started to research Mrs. Gill, the woman for whom Greenfield Hall was built, and presented a program on her at that time. Her interest piqued, she just had to go on.

We are the fortunate recipients of her eight long years of research and writing; her completed book is a pleasure to read. By reading it, we learn about the French and Gill families as well as about our southern New Jersey area in the last century. More than sixty illustrations, maps and photographs, including one of the marriage certificate of John Gill and Elizabeth French, make this book a treasure for anyone interested in our history.

A Reception for Harriet will be held at Greenfield Hall on February 28 at which time she will be happy to autograph your book. The book is also available at our Museum Shop or through the mail with the coupon included in this *Bulletin*.

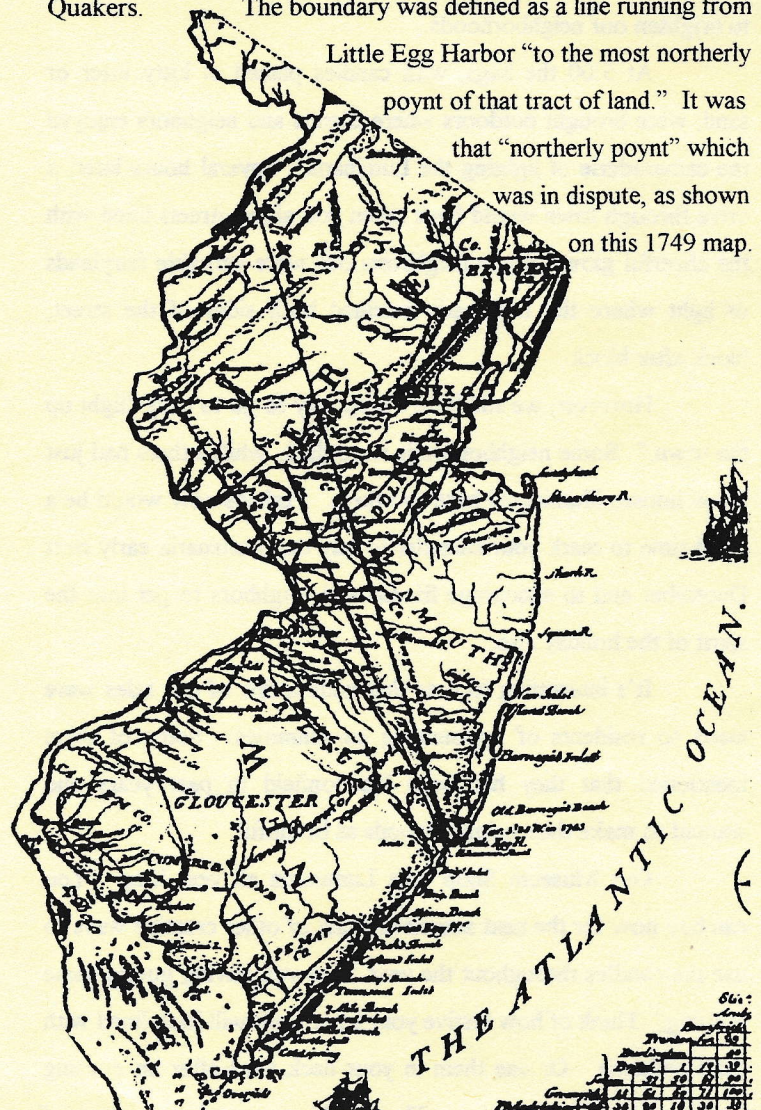
A BIT OF BACKGROUND

To clarify the term "West Jersey" as used in the book, *Elizabeth French Gill, 1794-1854*:

The colony of New Jersey, named for the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel, was part of the land King Charles II granted to his brother James, Duke of York, in 1664. That same year James conveyed his rights to the lands to Sir George Carteret and John Lord Berkeley. Ten years later, in 1674, Berkeley sold his half-interest in the colony to Edward Billinge. Billinge in turn transferred part of the property to John Fenwyk with the remainder being held for Billinge by three Quakers, one of whom was William Penn.

In an attempt to disentangle the legal status of New Jersey, a Quitpartite Deed in 1676 divided the state into East Jersey, controlled by Carteret, and West Jersey, controlled by the Quakers.

The boundary was defined as a line running from Little Egg Harbor "to the most northerly poynt of that tract of land." It was that "northerly poynt" which was in dispute, as shown on this 1749 map.



A HADDONFIELD MEDICAL DEGREE

by Betty and Stuart Lyons

Back in 1867, anyone who wanted a medical degree could arrange to get one from Livingston University and University of Medicine and Surgery located in Haddonfield. At that time it was possible for schools to obtain charters for medical schools without submitting any credentials.

Because of political problems then occurring in Pennsylvania, John Buchanan, a Scotsman, decided to take advantage of this policy. He persuaded the Pennsylvania Legislature to grant a charter to a Frankford Gas Company, and then arranged an additional clause that made it the American University of Philadelphia Medical School. This entity was able to sell medical diplomas to foreign countries.

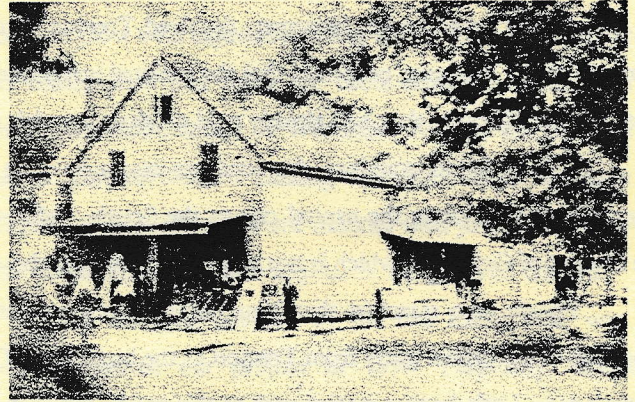
In 1866 Congress passed an act which permitted schools to obtain charters. The schools in turn were allowed to grant diplomas as long as the student paid a fee to the county in which the diploma had been granted. That diploma could then be used throughout the United States on payment of a five dollar fee to each state in which the person wanted to practice.

John Buchanan went into action. He quickly established the Livingston University and University of Medicine and Surgery in Haddonfield. The "university" had no buildings, no classes, and no students. There was only a Post Office box. He also established another Livingston University in Charleston, West Virginia. Candidates sent in their money and received their diplomas.

However, things started to unravel in 1880. When a diplomat in Germany was asked to notarize a Haddonfield Livingston University diploma, he could not find the medical school listed anywhere. At about the same time other requests were also received. Although the federal government was aware of the problem, they could not interfere since the charters were granted by the states. Pennsylvania courts were presented with the facts, but ruled the charters were valid and irrevocable.

John Norris, editor of the Philadelphia Record, was appalled that just about anyone could get a medical diploma. He enlisted a Philadelphia detective named Barrett to help him change the situation. Both Norris and Barrett purchased medical diplomas

by mail from Haddonfield, then had John Buchanan charged with mail fraud.



The Haddonfield post office circa this period

Buchanan's trial, set for August 16, 1880, was postponed a day because of his daughter's illness. The next morning, an hour after midnight, he boarded a Delaware River ferry and made sure to speak to one of the engineers whom he knew. When the ferry was in the middle of the river, Buchanan jumped over the rail and disappeared in the darkness. An extensive search was made, but his body could not be found. There was immediate speculation that he had vanished simply to avoid the trial. That proved true when he and his brother-in-law were discovered in Canada.

The case did not end there. Buchanan and his brother-in-law were tricked into crossing the border into Michigan where they were arrested. The fraud case against Buchanan was dropped because the detective and editor who brought the case obviously knew the diploma was not legitimate -- a situation called entrapment. However, Buchanan was charged with perpetrating a false suicide to get out of trial and received 10 months in jail and a \$5.00 fine. He was given some additional jail time when other charges were made in Pennsylvania.

The Haddonfield Livingston University and University of Medicine and Surgery was discontinued, but not before hundreds of people, upon payment of a \$5.00 fee, had received their "right" to practice medicine in any state in the United States.

TRENTON – CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES? by Siddons Harper

The United States government was organized under the Constitution in New York City in 1789. Many or most of the provisions to make this Constitution work were enacted then. To satisfy the different viewpoints of the makers, compromises were necessary. It was decided at that time that the location of the capital city for the new government was to be Trenton, New Jersey. While Trenton was being prepared to accommodate the capital, the government chose to be in Philadelphia and the meeting was adjourned.

A later compromise, however, deprived Trenton of the honor of being the capital of the United States. Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, proposed that the national government assume the Revolutionary War debts of the various states. The southern states objected because they had already paid off their war debts. Why should they be taxed to pay off somebody else's debts?

In order to convince the southern states to vote for his proposal, Hamilton agreed to use his influence among northern Congressmen to relocate the capital city to the South. Jefferson was to use his influence to get southern votes for the debt assumption. The District of Columbia, which is not very far south, was chosen to assure northern votes. Both propositions became law.

People who maintain that New Jersey is always getting the short end of United States government action can point to the relocation of the capital away from Trenton as the beginning of the trend.

Editor's note: Little-known stories such as this can be found in Thomas Farner's book, *New Jersey In History; Fighting to Be Heard*. Mr. Farner has given us and Mr. Harper permission to use excerpts from his book.

NO RESPECT?

Benjamin Franklin once described New Jersey as a "valley of humility between two mountains of conceit." He was a perceptive man. Pennsylvania, to the west, had prospered from the outset and economic opportunity in that colony was greater than in any other. On the eastern side, New York's arrogance was all too real for our smaller state. It was especially obvious in disputes concerning a common boundary on the Hudson River and in New York Bay. New York contended that the whole river and the bay were within their borders and acted on that claim for many years.

The Compact of 1834 was an agreement reached as an attempt to resolve this dispute. It provided that the boundary would be in the middle of the river and the bay; that New York would be able to continue its "present jurisdiction" over Ellis Island; and that both states own all underwater land on their respective sides of the boundary.

In 1834, Ellis Island was a mere $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres in size. When the federal government designated the island as the Port of Entry for immigration purposes in 1890, more space was needed. So submerged (underwater) lands were filled in, increasing the size to the approximately 27 acres it is today.

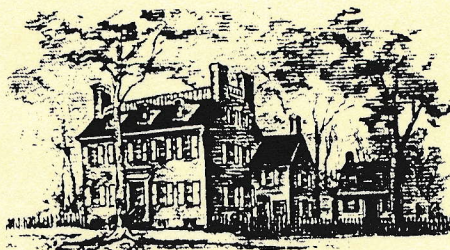
The Compact of 1834 was used as a basis for the recent Supreme Court decision, giving New York jurisdiction over the original acreage while New Jersey's jurisdiction is over the remaining $22\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Finally, a bit of respect!



Robert Marshall preparing for trial held in the West Conference Room,
United States Supreme Court, July and August, 1996

Hear the full story. Send in your reservations
now for our Candlelight Dinner.



You are cordially invited to attend the annual

Candlelight Dinner

of the Historical Society of Haddonfield

Tavistock Country Club

March 17, 1999

Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres at 6:30 P.M.

Dinner at 7:30 P.M.

Program: The Battle of Ellis Island

Speaker: Robert A. Marshall, Deputy Attorney General, State of New Jersey

Dinner Menu

Seafood Bisque Caesar Salad

Breast of Chicken in Fontana Cheese Batter served with Port Sauce

Angel Hair Pasta Nest Steamed Broccoli Florets

Rolls Butter

Crème Caramel

Coffee Tea Decaffeinated Coffee

Reservations are \$28.00 per person.

RSVP by March 10

The Historical Society of Haddonfield, 343 King's Highway East

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We will ___ will not ___ be able to attend the Candlelight Dinner.

Name _____

Address _____ *Telephone* _____

Number attending ___ *at \$28. per person: Total \$* _____

Tavistock will be happy to accommodate anyone with dietary problems. Please let us know.

Reserved seating will not be available.

⇒ **Please enter the Club through the Ladies' Locker Room around the corner from the Main Entrance
which is under construction.**



RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, February 28, 1999

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East,
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

*In honor of Harriet Gotchel Monshaw,
author of*

Elizabeth French Gill, 1794-1854, First Mistress of Greenfield Hall

The latest publication of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, Harriet's book is a definitive study of the French and Gill families, prominent citizens of Moorestown and Haddonfield. Learn about the background of the people who built and resided in beautiful Greenfield Hall and of the circumstances in which the landed gentry lived in the first half and middle of the last century. The book, a treasure of information about this era and our southern New Jersey area, contains more than sixty photographs and illustrations which bring the times alive. It's a must for anyone curious about early Haddonfield.

Meet the author at Greenfield Hall on Sunday afternoon, February 28. She'll be happy to autograph your book. Books are on sale in the Museum Shop of Greenfield Hall or can be ordered through the Society with an additional \$2.50 charge to cover mailing. Members' discounts of 10% apply to the basic cost of the book only.

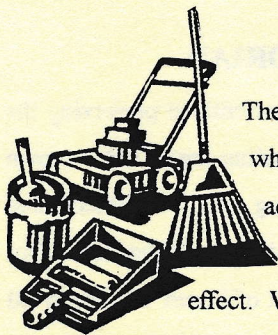
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Please send me _____ copies of *Elizabeth French Gill, 1794-1854, First Mistress of Greenfield Hall* at \$12.00 per copy (\$10.80 for members) plus \$2.50 mailing charge per book. I have enclosed a check made out to the Historical Society of Haddonfield in the amount of \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Return to the Historical Society of Haddonfield, Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033.



PROGRESS IN THE CELLAR MUSEUM by Don Wallace

The walls of our cellar museum have been white-washed again, this time with exterior acrylic-latex paint. By design, we have left some areas unpainted, as they were, for effect. We've begun to lift the artifacts and tools up onto the shelves which we have. Seven shelf-stacks were donated by the middle of December. We greatly appreciate the generosity of six members and one non-member who donated shelves. (One new member gave us two stacks.) Now we need only 13 more stacks at \$40.00 each to complete our displays.

Soon we'll be able to invite Haddonfield's fourth graders in to see and touch the evidence of technology from the four centuries of Haddonfield's heritage. In addition, the pre-Columbian stone artifacts of the Renape Nation in the Haddonfield area may transport the children's imaginations back 7000 years to the mid-archaic period. We are not ready to display these items, however, until we have enough shelves.

In a year or two, we'll be looking back to the 20th century the way we've looked back at the 19th. Can you imagine the retrospectives we'll be exposed to this time? Not only will we get reviews of the last year, but the last 100 years plus the last 1000 years. I'm looking forward to it. But after all that, and by 2001, the 20th century will certainly seem like an era past!

Fortunately for us volunteers in the cellar, this house had a resident tool collector in the person of Harry Bauer. Both hearsay and evidence have led me to believe that he was, most likely, the gatherer of our coopers' tools from both the Wood Farm in the Estate section and from his family's beer barrel cooperage at 1431 N. 31st Street (at 31st and Jefferson) in the heart of Philadelphia's Brewerytown. These tools came with the house.

The existence of this collection and the Dey shoemaking tools, etc., have not only justified my working existence, but also justifies our adding the contents of a Haddonfield gas station: Bill Hick's vintage 1938-63 Mobil Station on Grove Street. We are developing these collections further to represent Haddonfield...as we were.

If you think that a gas station "ain't quaint," remember

that at one time there were 14 operating gas stations in our town. But if it's quaint you want, know that ice harvesting was performed on Evan's Pond. As of 1999, the old ice house is still there. To represent that industry in town, we now have a Gifford-Wood ice plow with adjustable swing arm to keep the cuts parallel. This model plow and many ice tools donated by the Don and Susan Underwood family of Westmont Avenue are featured in a copy of Gifford-Wood's catalog No. 106 which we have just obtained. Several ice tools are marked with just the "Wood Co." name which indicates a later buyout or merger with Gifford.

An ice pike, donated by the late Larry Test, was here when we started our project in 1996. Hopefully, continuing research on our collections will uncover more provenance relating to these handsome artifacts. (The term *provenance* refers to the object's history of ownership.)

A treadle-powered "Gordon" job press has been donated by Parker and Lillian Worley of Haddon Township. This letterpress symbolizes the printing industry in Haddonfield's history.

As research time and *Bulletin* space permit, you'll be hearing more about the old tools and artifacts which have been donated to us.

Donations received throughout the year, besides the ones mentioned above from Lillian and Parker Worley, Bob Hicks and Susan and Don Underwood, are listed below and on the next page:

Anvil and Forge

Mary Richardson Scola

8 Foundry Tools

Merritt Pharo

Medical Instruments

Dr. Francis X. O'Brien

Meat Chopping Machine for Sausage Preparation,

Flail and Coal Shovel

Peg Aldrich

His Grandfather's Tools, Rose Duster and "Scouring Towels"

Bill Monahan

Old Roller Skates, History of the Airport Circle, and Gifford-

Wood Catalog

Walter G. Ribiero

Artist's Victorian Tin Tabouret used by the Haddonfield

Illustrator and Artist, Frank Livingston Fithian

Andy Johnson (The Artist's Great-Grandson)

Walking Wheel, Yarn Winder, Flax Carding Paddles

Jackie and Bill Chamberlain

Driver Lathe, Treadle Lathe, Mortared Walls

Larry Alff

Wooden Panels, Shelves, Display Platforms, Historic

Assemblage

Gus Winder

Photographic Talents, Organizational Skills

Norm Stuessy

Computer and Database Expertise and Lessons

Ed Reeves

Church Pew, Kneelers, Acolyte's Candle Snuffer/Lighter

The Rev. Dr. Louis Dunkle, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior

We appreciate the donations, the assistance and all the interest shown in our cellar project.

OPEN HOUSE AND TEACHER APPRECIATION

by Barbara Hilgen

Last November our President, Joe Murphy, and Education Chairman, Bob Lynch, welcomed Superintendent of Schools, Barry Ersek, and Tatem Principal, Alan Fegley along with eighteen teachers from Tatem and Elizabeth Haddon Schools to Greenfield Hall. Refreshments were served in the rear parlor and tours of the house and collections were enjoyed by all. The event was sponsored by the Society and the Haddonfield Business Association to promote the educational resources available at Greenfield Hall and the Indian King Tavern.

Local artist Gwynn DiPilla and Bill Carley of the House of Frames presented the artist's framed picture, "Scenes from Haddonfield II (Clocktower)" to Mayor Eugene Kain. Haddonfield's new postcard, "Scenes from Haddonfield IV (Greenfield Hall)," was unveiled and is available for sale in our Museum Shop.

OUR NEW HISTORIAN

The Society has been most conscientious preserving the past history of our town and the surrounding areas, but our own present-day activities have been slipping by. To remedy that situation, a new position has been formed, that of **Historian**. Our President has announced the appointment of Karen Weaver to fill the post. If you would like to contribute anything of interest pertaining to the Society which should be saved, please contact Karen at 428-3396.

JAPANESE DOLLS

Did you see those six lovely Japanese dolls displayed in Greenfield Hall during the Doll Day celebration? We are most appreciative to the Haddonfield Public Library for donating the dolls to us. Shirley Raynor, our expert on dolls, is currently conducting research on them. Look for the dolls to be back on display in the near future.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Library is in need of a copy of "**The Religious Society of Friends Rules of Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends Held in Philadelphia.**" Any year prior to the Civil War will be satisfactory. Please contact Kathy Tassini at 429-7375 if you have a copy to share.

HADDONFIELD HOUSES ON THE MOVE

by Helen Mountney

Has your house ever been moved? Do you know of any Haddonfield houses which have been moved at any time?

Haddonfield has its share of houses which have been moved from one location to another, and our Society is interested in updating its records on this subject. Records show there are approximately twenty known houses (or parts of them) which have been moved. If you are aware of any, please call Kathy Tassini at the Society's Library, 429-7375, on a Tuesday or Thursday morning and give her the information you have.

Included in the known properties are the four homes on Sylvan Lake Avenue moved to make way for an addition to our high school, two houses on Roberts Avenue which were originally on King's Highway, and of course, our own Samuel Mickle House which was moved twice.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD
TO PROVIDE FOR A CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

The Board of Trustees of the Historical Society of Haddonfield proposes an amendment to the by-laws of the Society to provide for the addition of a corresponding secretary to the list of authorized officers of the Society. We believe this is necessary to deal effectively with the volume of correspondence, telephone calls and electronic communications received by the Society.

The by-laws of the Society may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting convened at least two weeks after the amendment has been proposed in writing to the Society's members.

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the following language and recommends its adoption to the members. This matter will be voted upon at the general meeting scheduled for March 17, 1999.

Amend Article III -- ORGANIZATION, first sentence, to read as follows:

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Amend Article III, Section I -- OFFICERS, subsection c., to read as follows:

- c. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all member and executive meetings and such special meetings as may be called.

Add the following new subsection:

- d. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence of the Society, including various electronic forms of communication.

Renumber existing subsection d. to become subsection "e."

Amend Article III, Section 4 -- TERM OF OFFICE by replacing the word "Secretary" with the word "Secretaries."

If this by-law amendment is adopted, it is then the intention of the President to appoint Patricia Lennon to fill this position until the next election.

THE FIRST DINOSAUR DAY

Haddonfield's first Dinosaur Day will be held on Saturday, March 13, sponsored by your Society in conjunction with the Friends of the Library and the Haddonfield Business Association. The highlight of the day will be a talk and book-signing by author Leonard Warren at 2:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall Auditorium. Warren's book, *Joseph Leidy, the Last Man Who Knew Everything*, will be of great interest to local residents. Also planned are tours of our local dinosaur site followed by refreshments at Greenfield Hall.

Joseph Leidy has an important connection to our town. The founder of paleontology in the United States, he was one of the country's most versatile scientists, chairman of the Board of Curators at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. Back in 1858, when Leidy heard that William Foulke had dug up fossil

bones from the marl pits on John Hopkins' farm in Haddonfield, he came here to examine them. After careful examination, Leidy realized that the first important dinosaur to be found in this country had just been uncovered. He named it *Hadrosaurus Foulkei* in honor of Foulke.

Learn more about the giants which roamed through our New Jersey area more than 100 million years ago and the modest man who, among other accomplishments, identified their bones. Mark your calendar now for an exciting March 13.

Editor's note: Another important American paleontologist lived here in Haddonfield from 1868 to 1876. You can read about him and his house in the Society's monograph, *The Haddonfield Home of Edward Drinker Cope*, by Thomas B. Holmes and our member, Merritt W. Pharo. It's available in our Museum Shop.

VILLAGE FAIR -- SATURDAY, JUNE 5

LET'S PREPARE EARLY

When the Holly Festival's over, the Village Fair is only six months away! So we're once again asking you to help us prepare for it. As you're doing spring house cleaning, please remember that we accept almost anything.

We will continue to have our consignment items. Only 15% of the selling price is retained by us; if the item does not sell, it is returned to the owner at no cost for our trying to sell it.

Remember that all donations are tax-deductible. We'll be happy to make arrangements for pick-up if you desire and we will even take items now if necessary.

Feel free to invite your friends to join in as well. We appreciate all the help we can get. Our sale items at the Village Fair are always the hit of the day. Please help us keep that reputation as well as that long line of early-bird shoppers.

GOOD NEWS

Elise Vider, Director of Communications and Education for the Preservation Alliance, has informed us that The Historical Society of Haddonfield has been made a non-profit member of the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. This is a result of Debby Troemner and Joe Haro's leading a walking tour for their members in September. All of our members are therefore eligible for discounted tickets to the tours of the Alliance.

THEY'LL BE BACK

The Haddonfield Crafters will be returning in March for another showing. The artisans' collections will feature Easter and Mother's Day items as well as spring and summer crafts.

The quality show will open on Tuesday, March 23 at 3:00 P.M., closing at 8:00. On Wednesday, March 24, the hours will be 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 in the evening. Admission for the first day is \$3.00, on the second day, \$1. Donations benefit our Society.

Hand-decorated eggs, bunnies and chicks along with dried flowers, folk art, dolls, jewelry, photographs and much more will delight everyone. Outside Greenfield Hall, Bancroft School will sell spring plants grown at the school. Everyone attending will have a chance to win the drawing for a special artisan's basket.

Be sure to come out to help make this another successful venture for both the Crafters and the Society.

NEW JERSEY FREEBIES

Two booklets published by the New Jersey State tourism office are extensive guides to interesting places and events in our state. The first, "A Revolutionary Time: The Guide to New Jersey's American Revolutionary War Trail," is a glossy publication highlighting key sites and landmarks of that period, including a chronology of the War for Independence events in the state. The opening page begins: "Washington and the Continental Army spent almost half of the American Revolutionary War in New Jersey. Take a few days and discover why."

The second publication is the 1999 Travel Guide which will open your eyes to many opportunities for vacations and excursions in our state other than the ones we ordinarily think of. Happily, both these booklets are free from the Office of Travel and Tourism at 1-800-537-7397. You'll even find Haddonfield within the pages.

ABOUT ELLIS ISLAND

- ◆ Dutch colonists called it Oyster Island. Over the years it was renamed several times before it became Ellis Island, named for the man who owned it in the 1770's.
- ◆ Approximately eight million of the twelve million immigrants who passed through Ellis Island came to New Jersey.
- ◆ The descendants of these immigrants account for almost 40% of the country's population.
- ◆ During peak periods at Ellis Island, as many as 5000 people would be checked, questioned and sent on their way.
- ◆ Most of the time, the processing took between three and five hours.
- ◆ An unfortunate 2% were excluded and sent back to their homeland.
- ◆ Ellis Island was the nation's major immigration station from 1892 to 1954 and a detention center for aliens and deportees until 1954.
- ◆ A 1965 Presidential Proclamation added Ellis Island to the Statue of Liberty National Monument.
- ◆ In 1998 the federal government put aside \$2 million to help restore the decaying buildings on our part of the island; Governor Whitman is planning to allocate an equal amount in this year's state budget to continue the project.

MEMBERSHIP

Have you ever taken our President Joe Murphy's **Official Historical Society of Haddonfield's Membership Test**? If you haven't, be sure to ask for it the next time you visit Greenfield Hall. Quite a few people have taken it – and have passed! We're happy to welcome them, and others who have applied, to the Society and hope their enthusiasm will continue as they "have fun with history."

We extend **BIG WELCOMES** to:

*Eric and Jere Brosz, and Maria and Paul Susan and Walter Ettinger Mark and Amy Valli Marian Haiges
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We're looking forward to meeting each one of you. See you at Greenfield Hall and at the Candlelight Dinner!

May, our Membership Month, is just around the corner. Won't you help increase our membership by telling your friends, neighbors, relatives and associates about us? Use this application form to make it very convenient.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD 1998-99

I (We) would like to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Household	35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (per person)	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenfield Circle (per person)	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Gill Society (per person)	200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (per person)	500.00

Name _____ E-mail _____

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Please mail to the Society at Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

WE WANT YOUR MEMORIES

Do you and your friends occasionally enjoy talking about the 'good old days' when you were growing up in Haddonfield? Wouldn't it be fun to share those experiences with others?

There's no time like the present to write about some of the things which happened in your childhood. The fun, the frustrations, the everyday occurrences, the people who influenced you, important events of the day.

Join the growing number of our members who have had their reminiscences published in the *Bulletin*. Send your article to Connie Reeves at Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East, call her at 429-0326, or contact her via e-mail at Creeves7@aol.com. That's one way to make sure future generations know about life in this century.

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